

PARISH DIARY

Regular Activities

Weekdays	*9.00am-3.15pm	Pre-School - *Thurs 9.00-12.45pm	Pinchmill School
Mon	8.00pm - 9.00pm	Pilates	Village Hall
Tues	Approx 11.00am	Fishmonger in village - call 07803	201399 for info
Tues	7.30 pm	Table Tennis Club	Village Hall
Weds	7.30pm - 8.30pm	Zumba Dance Fitness	Village Hall
Thurs	8.00pm - 9.00pm	Yoga (term time only)	Village Hall
Fri	9.15am -11.00am	Parent/Toddler Group(term time only)	Portakabin
Fri	7.00pm - 8.30pm	Youth Club	Village Hall
2 nd Sunday	in each month at	7-10pm Sunday Sisters wine & nibbles	The Sun
2 nd Thurs	in each month at	3.00pm Thursday Club	Committee Room
3 rd Tues	in each month at	7.30pm W.I.	Committee Room
1 st Tues	every other month	7.30pm Parish Council Meeting	Committee Room

Services for November – ALL SUNDAY SERVICES ARE NOW AT 11.00am

Thur	1 Nov	Midweek Communion at 9.30am – special Festal Service to celebrate All Saint’s Day	St Mary’s Church
Fri	2 Nov	All Souls Day Service at 8.00pm	St Peters Church
Sun	4 Nov	All Saints Day Service at 3.00pm	All Saints Church
Sun	4 Nov	Choral Communion - Service 11am (coffee after)	St Mary’s Church
Thur	8 Nov	Midweek Communion 9.30am	St Mary’s Church
Sun	11 Nov	Meet at Memorial at 10.55am for laying of wreath, then church (coffee served after the service)	Memorial 10.55am
Thur	15 Nov	Midweek Communion 9.30am	St Mary’s Church
Sun	18 Nov	Choral Communion – Service 11am (coffee after)	St Mary’s Church
Thu	22 Nov	Midweek Communion 9.30am	St Mary’s Church
Sun	25 Nov	Matins –Service 11.00am (coffee after)	St Mary’s Church
Thur	29 Nov	Midweek Communion 9.30am	St Mary’s Church

Dates for your Diary

Sat	3 Nov	Coffee Morning 10.30am, Midwicket, Pavenham Rd,	Felmersham
Sun	11 Nov	Remembrance Sunday, meet at Memorial 10.55am	Memorial/Church
Wed	14 Nov	AGM for Village Hall at 8.00pm	Village Hall
Sat	17 Nov	Quiz Night – V.H.C. 7.30pm for 8.00pm start	Village Hall
16-24	Nov	West Side Story at 7.30am, The Mill Theatre	Sharnbrook
Sat	24 Nov	Victorian Bazaar from 11am	Carlton Village Hall
Sat	1 Dec	Coffee Morning at 10.30pm – Old School House	Felmersham
Sat	1 Dec	PSA Christmas Fayre from 2.00pm to 4.00pm	Pinchmill School

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All items should be with the editor by noon on the 25th of each month.



Village information online at www.felmersham.net

NOVEMBER 2012

REMEMBRANCE

Rev. Robert Evens

A favourite saying that has stayed with me from youth is ‘*Sometimes I sits and thinks – and other times I just sits!*’

Sadly, opportunities of just sitting (thinking or not!) seem so far and few between in these hectic lives we lead these days. But when walking the dogs the other day and looking at the changing colours of the leaves I suddenly realised that the year was slipping away almost unnoticed and that November, with its theme of Remembrance, was very close indeed.

A few years ago we spent some time wandering around Norfolk looking for a cottage. One place I remember was Little Snoring (mainly because of the name) and I was delighted to find that the Parish church possessed the only detached round tower in Norfolk – it is also a place of great peace and tranquillity.

But it was not always so, for during the Second World War one of the many East Anglian air bases was here. Inside the church is recorded a list of missions flown and decorations awarded in those dark times. Some of the Squadron Leaders were only twenty-one or twenty-two. What an amazing debt we owe them!

The last surviving Tommy of the First World War was Harry Patch, he died in 2009 at the remarkable age of one hundred and eleven. Harry Patch’s words still echo down over the years. He lost three close friends when a shell, known as a ‘whiz-bang’, exploded in their fox hole. Harry’s friends were all killed – he was unmarked. And he always asked why. ‘Why did my friends die and not me?’ He almost had a sense of guilt at his survival. These are some of his words.

‘The day I lost my pals, 22nd September 1917 – that is my Remembrance Day. I’m always very, very quiet on that day and I don’t want anybody talking to me really. Nearly ninety years after and I always remember it. I shall never forget the three pals I lost’.

This is why we remember and mourn the dead, and observe their anniversaries, for we are guardians of their heritage. Each year we go back to this heritage as to a fountain from which we draw strength and inspiration. We are not so much reliving their deaths as remembering their lives and the heritage they left us.

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY AT FELMERSHAM

The Remembrance Service will take place on **Sunday 11th November**. We meet



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at the Memorial at 10.55am. The service will commence promptly at that time, with the laying of the wreath and crosses followed by the two-minute silence at 11.00am. Afterwards the congregation is invited to proceed down Memorial Lane to the church where the Remembrance Sunday service will continue.

Coffee will be served in church after the service.

This is an opportunity for us to remember those who made the ultimate sacrifice, not only during the two world wars but in other conflicts around the world in which all branches of our armed services took part (not forgetting the merchant navy). Conflicts in Malaya, Korea, The Falklands, Northern Ireland, Bosnia, Kosovo, Iraq and now Afghanistan. We owe it to them not to forget.

MONTHLY COFFEE MORNINGS

The November Coffee Morning to raise funds for the Church Restoration Fund will take place at **10.30am on Saturday 3rd November** at the home of Karen and Jeff Stokley

Contributions of homemade cakes, toiletries, produce and bric-a-brac for the bring and buy stall will be most welcome.

Please join us - just come along, you will be most welcome.

The December Coffee Morning will be held on Saturday 1st December, at the home of Judith and David Folbigg

Jane Wells



POPPY WREATH FOR REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

Celia Hulatt

A poppy wreath will be laid on the Memorial during the Service on 11th November (the Service begins at 10.55am at the Memorial). If you would like to contribute towards the cost of this wreath please contact Geoff Hulatt on 781081, or send your donation to 6 Marriotts Close, Felmersham.

As last year, poppies will be available to purchase from Pinchmill School - there will not be a house-to-house collection.

SHARNBROOK MILL THEATRE

Theo Gibbs

♦ **WEST SIDE STORY: 16th - 24th November** - Evenings 7.30pm (£10/12) & 2 Sat. matinees: 17th & 24th Nov @ 2.30pm (£9). NB No performance Mon. 19th. Tickets: Sharnbrook Post Office or Bedford Central Box Office 01234 269 519.

Important! Please note that the Bedford Box Office has moved from the Harpur Suite to Bedford Tourist Information, St Paul's Square (opposite church main door); calls to 269519 will be transferred automatically (but only until Feb. 2013) to the new number which is 718112, and which is now live and should be used henceforth.

~ We regret to advise that the production of *Clue the Musical*, due to have been performed from 4th - 8th December, has been postponed. It is hoped to stage this at a later date. (Please visit www.sharnbrookmilltheatre.co.uk).

SAVE THE CHILDREN

Andy Evans

Many thanks to all who purchased Christmas cards and paper at the last Church coffee morning on 6th October. We raised the excellent sum of £137. Thanks also to Margaret and Allyene Leach for allowing us to attend and also for their wonderful hospitality.

PSA CHRISTMAS FAYRE

Patsy Reynolds

The Pinchmill School Association **Christmas Fayre** will take place on **Saturday 1st December 2012, from 2.00pm to -4.00pm at Pinchmill Lower School.**

There'll be dozens of stalls to tempt every member of the family, selling super stocking fillers, from Ceramic stars - which you can personalise with your own message - to Reindeer food (a necessity!). Other temptations include tasty treats of homemade chutneys and even miniature Christmas trees and holly on sale. Cast your eyes over the cracking competitions from the old favourite of "guess the weight of the Christmas cake", to pinning the nose on Rudolph.

You'll also have a chance to win many of the generous prizes donated by local businesses, including three fabulous festive food hampers, Hazel Kaye vouchers, a floral offering from Pick-a Lily, a wonderful family day pass to Thurleigh Farm and much, much more. Don't forget to visit "Santa's Grotto" too! All Proceeds to Pinchmill School Association

FELMERSHAM & RADWELLW.I.

Wendy Williamson

Going, going, gone..... Our October speaker was TV personality David Fletcher, a valuer on the programme "Flog It". He also works locally as an auctioneer at Peacocks, which is based in Bedford town. He told us many amusing stories of his early days as a junior auctioneer and the characters he met, particularly the farmers who used to play tricks on him! At the end of his talk we held a mock auction (no money involved of course) and for this competition he chose three of his favourite small antiques, which he had brought along. David was a very good speaker and we enjoyed our evening very much.

Next month our speaker is David Pibworth, who will speak to us about the "History of Comedy" - it sounds as if we're in for an amusing evening! If you feel you would like to come along and meet us all, we don't bite, honestly. Now that the dark nights are drawing in and you need a change from the telly, come along, you will be most welcome. Don't be shy, we're all very friendly and who knows, you could make new friends. We meet on the third Tuesday every month at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

BOOKS FOR SALE IN CHURCH

Editor

The church is open every day from approximately 9.00am to 5.00pm. At the back of the church is a large selection of paperback books (and a few hard back

non-fiction) plus children's books – both for teenagers and young children. They are very reasonably priced, just 80p each for paperbacks or 5 books for £3, with children's books just 50p each. There are also books on gardening, cookery, health etc.

Do call into the church and browse our selection – you might pick up just the book you were looking for! All monies raised from the sale of these books goes towards the General Fund.



CALL MY BLUFF - Saturday 17th November 7.30 to 10.30pm at Sharnbrook Village Hall, Lodge Road, Sharnbrook. Tickets £10 to include a hot supper (*please bring your own drinks and glasses*). Tickets available from Sharnbrook Post Office or from Ian Campbell on 7681721.

The "Bluffers" for the evening are Doug McMurdo, Katie Hayes and Robert Evens.

VICTORIAN BAZAAR - Saturday 24th November in Carlton Village Hall, from 11.00am to 3.00pm – lunches served from 12 noon. (*Grand Draw at 2.30pm – 1st prize £100.*) Entry: £1 adults, children free.

"MESSY CHURCH"

Rev. Tom Sander

The next **MESSY CHURCH ON SUNDAY** will be held on 4th of November at Felmersham at 11.00am. It has been good to see numbers increasing, please do bring along friends and neighbours for fun and learning.

ALL SOULS' DAY and ALL SAINTS' DAY

Rev. Tom Sander

A Service will be held at FELMERSHAM ST MARY'S CHURCH - All Saint's Day is on 1st November. On this day our **Thursday communion service at 9.30am will be a Festal service** to reflect All Saint's Day.

A Service will be held at SHARNBROOK ST PETERS CHURCH - All Souls' Day is on **Friday 2nd November**. There will be a **Requiem service of Holy Communion at Sharnbrook Church at 8.00pm**. The service is candlelit and will include appropriate music; all those who have lost someone recently or in the past are warmly invited to come along to commemorate in words and sacrament the lives of the faithful departed. If you would like someone remembered by name please forward the name to me (781773).

A Service will be held at SOULDROP ALL SAINTS CHURCH - Traditionally celebrated on the 1st of November, All Saints' Day has been transferred to **Sunday the 4th November** so we can celebrate it in **All Saints Church, Souldrop, at 3.00pm** when there will be a special benefice service of Holy Communion to celebrate all the Saints. Come and celebrate with the congregation of All Saints Church, Souldrop, where there'll be cracking hymns and perhaps a glass of something lovely!

Who are all the saints, I hear you say? Well literally '*All the Saints*' are all the faithful people who have borne faithful witness to the gospel in the past. So in celebrating all the saints we are celebrating all those who have helped to hand on the message of Jesus Christ to us in our day.

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS CHOIR

Janet Welsh

I'm getting together the children's choir again for the Christmas Service of Nine Lessons and Carols which will be held on Sunday 16th December at 5.00pm.

Rehearsals will start on **11th November** at my home, 1 The Tithe, Church End, from 5.30pm to 6.15pm, and will continue every Sunday until the 16th December. All children of any age are very welcome.....See you on the 11th.

SHARNBROOK, FELMERSHAM AND SOULDROP CHURCHES

YOUTH TRIP TO TAIZÉ, FRANCE

Rev. Tom Sander

The Taizé Experience dates are Saturday 10th August to Monday 19th August 2013 and the trip is for young people aged 15+.

I am proposing to take all our young people to France for a week at the beginning of August. The date and details are not 'set in stone' yet, I'd just like to get an idea of who's interested. If you are interested then drop me a line for details of dates, itinerary, etc. My telephone number is 781773 or email me on sharnbrookcurate@gmail.com for a copy of the proposed itinerary.

SUNDAY SERVICES

Ken Shrimpton

With effect from **Sunday 4th November**, coffee will be served after the 11 o'clock Sunday morning service. This change has been made to allow more time for people to meet and greet each other and to provide a quiet time before the start of the service during which we can prepare ourselves for Sunday morning worship.

On Sunday 11 November we meet by 10.55am at the War Memorial to lay a wreath and keep the two minutes silence. The special Remembrance Service then continues at St May's Church, followed by coffee.

FELMERSHAM & RADWELL VILLAGE HALL COMMITTEE AGM

The Annual General Meeting will take place on Wednesday 14th November 2012 at 8.00pm at the Village Hall. Please come along and support your Village Hall committee.

QUIZ NIGHT

Annette Franklin and Sam Bance

The entertainment and general knowledge themed Quiz Night is on **Saturday 17th November at 7.30pm at the Village Hall** – please arrive for 7.30pm to get the teams/tables (maximum of 8 people per team), drinks etc organised before the questions begin - these will be coming your way at 8.00pm.



There will be a licensed bar available. Tickets are £10 for the quiz and a light supper – all the ingredients for a really good night out.

Tickets available from Annette (on 783085 or anntfrn@aol.com) or from Sam Bance (on 782869 or kevin348lovell@btinternet.com)

See you there.

PHOTOGRAPHIC COMPETITION

Ken Shrimpton

This autumn will apparently be a riot of autumnal colours so this is a good time to launch the *felmersham.net* Autumn Photographic Competition 2012. If you live in the parish then you are invited to enter the competition entitled "*Autumn in the parish of Felmersham and Radwell*". Photographs taken near the parish will also be accepted.

The competition closes on the 9th December 2012. There is a maximum of two photographs per person and there will be a prize for the winning entry. Please email your photographs to kenshrimpton@felmersham.net

SMILE-LINES FOR NOVEMBER:

- ☺ When his wife said she was going to change the baby, her husband urged: "Well, get a quieter one!"
- ☺ To err is human but to really foul things up requires a computer.
- ☺ "If we did become engaged would you give me a ring?" she said. "Yes, of course!" he replied. "What is your number?"
- ☺ Young man asked to describe his mother-in-law: "Generally speaking, she's generally speaking."
- ☺ Signing the register at a wedding, the groom had difficulty in making his ball-point pen work. "Put your weight on it," said the vicar. So the groom complied: '*John Smith (eleven stone, four pounds)*'
- ☺ Father: "Don't you think our son gets all his brains from me?"
Mother: "Probably. I still have all of mine."
- ☺ A man requested the hymn "*Sheep may safely graze*" at his funeral. He was a butcher!

THE WILD THINGS – THEATRE GROUP

Wild Things are coming to Bedford! The Place Theatre, to be precise. Following on from their 2011 "*George's Marvellous Medicine*" *No Loss Productions and Dumbstruck! Productions* have teamed up again to create a brand new show based on the classic Maurice Sendak book "*Where The Wild Things Are*". The show is aimed at the whole family with original music by Bedfordshire composer Sophie Viney, monsters designed by Bedford Illustrator David Litchfield and a cast and crew of local professionals dedicated to bringing quality theatre to the people of Bedfordshire that is high energy, good fun and a reasonable price

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The show runs at The Place Theatre 12th – 24th December, Monday to Saturday 1pm & 6.30pm. Sundays 10am & 1.30pm. Please see website for Tickets and full listings of dates and times.

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